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Laura Vaught
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Washington, DC 20460

RE: Mr. Randy K. Rannow
10850 Serratina Dr.
Reno, Nevada 89521

Dear Ms. Vaught,

I have received the enclosed correspondence from my constituent, Mr. Randy Rannow, concerning the Agency's proposed greenhouse gas rules for new and existing power plants.

The needs of Nevada's constituents should be a priority. Thank you for reviewing the enclosed concerns and providing a response to the constituent. Should you need any further information, please feel free to contact my staff.

Thank you for your prompt and courteous assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dean Heller', written in a cursive style.

DEAN HELLER
U.S. Senator

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description

message

Dear Senator Heller,

As my public servant, can you please ensure my comments get sent to the EPA. Also, please acknowledge to me that the EPA has received my comments.

Randy k Rannow

Comments on EPA Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR- 2013-0602

EPA is attempting to impose a new regulatory framework on states that will transform how electricity is generated, distributed, transmitted, and used. This rule will have acceptable impact (low risk) on competition, while promoting reliably affordable electricity to the American consumer.

The EPA estimates that its power plant rule will cause nationwide electricity price increases of between 6% and 7% in 2020, and up to 12% in some locations. This is far lower than if we do not change the energy rules. While annual projected compliance costs may be around \$6B in 2020, rising up to \$8.8B in 203, the jobs and economic stimuli created by the possible rule changes may be 2 or 3 times greater. Furthermore, the EPA proposed changes will slightly impact small businesses as they will push the cost down or find additional means of saving.

The EPA carbon rules will increase reliability risks to an acceptable level, but without the changes, brownouts and blackouts will increase. EPA should move forward with this regulation as quickly as possible. We the People do not need the self-serving Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) to push their preferred agenda..

Any regulatory approach for power plants may have minimal impact on global greenhouse gas emissions, but we must start the change process now. The EPA's regulations will impose billions in costs on the U.S. economy but create many times more economic stimuli. Therefore, I request that EPA move forward on the power plant rule and not extend the comment period beyond the current 120-day length.

I believe that EPA should move forward with regulations that benefit the economy and the constituency,